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In re Application of: TAKAGI et al.  
Application No. 10/527,820  
Filed: July 15, 2004  
For: ACCESS METHOD

DECISION ON REQUEST TO  
PARTICIPATE IN PATENT  
PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT  
PROGRAM AND PETITION TO  
MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR  
1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed September 27, 2007, and the request for reconsideration of adverse decision filed November 14, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in

the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition failed:

In response to the petition decision mailed on October 24, 2007, applicant submitted a preliminary amendment canceling claims 1-19, and adding new claims 20-32. Though the claims correspondence table lists claims 1-13 of the U.S. application to correspond with allowed claims 1-13 of the Japanese application, it is understood that applicant intended amended claims 20-32 of the U.S. application to correspond to allowed Japanese claims 1-13. Accordingly, the request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements, and the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html>.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.



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